(b) Rural roads, rural housing and drinking water are State Subjects, and also Panchayat Subjects as per the Eleventh Schedule to the Constitution. Central funding supplements State efforts. The coverage of rural areas with proper roads, housing and drinking water facilities depends on overall availability of resources.

More funds to Orissa under PMGSY

1395. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the performance of the State Government of Orissa under the rural connectivity programme (Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana) is excellent, and that State has been ranked second in terms of quality of the newly constructed roads, in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Centre propose to advance another amount of Rs.350 crores during the current fiscal under the above project; and

(c) if so, whether the Centre has since advanced the above amount, and if not, the time-frame within which it would be disbursed to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) There is no system of relative ranking of States on the basis of performance or quality of construction of works under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). However, out of 1232 inspections carried by National Quality Monitors up to July 2004, in Orissa 1048 road works fall under the grading of 'satisfactory'.

(b) and (c) States are required to make proposals annually under the PMGSY, which are cleared by an Empowered Committee. The annual allocation of Orissa under PMGSY is Rs.175 crores. Funds are released depending on the progress made and expenditure

incurred out of the earlier released funds, as reported by the State Government.

Construction of roads under PMGSY in Chhattisgarh

†1396. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total allocation made to the State of Chhattisgarh so far under PMGSY;

(b) the names of the roads constructed district-wise alongwith the amount spent on each road;

(c) the names, address and telephone number of the contractors who have completed construction work of each of the said roads;

(d) whether technical competency of the contractors/companies was closely and physically verified;

(e) whether Government have also involved the companies banned by P.W.D. in the construction of roads; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) From 2000-01 to 2004-05, an amount of Rs. 460.63 crore has been released to Chhattisgarh under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.

(b) Rural roads is a State subject. Details of roads constructed the programme have been placed by the State Government on the programme website *www.omms.nic.in*

(c) to (f) Rural roads being a state subject, tendering and contracting is done by the State Government.

Funds for PMGSY released to Andhra Pradesh

1397. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during 1998-2001 Rs.190 crore per year

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